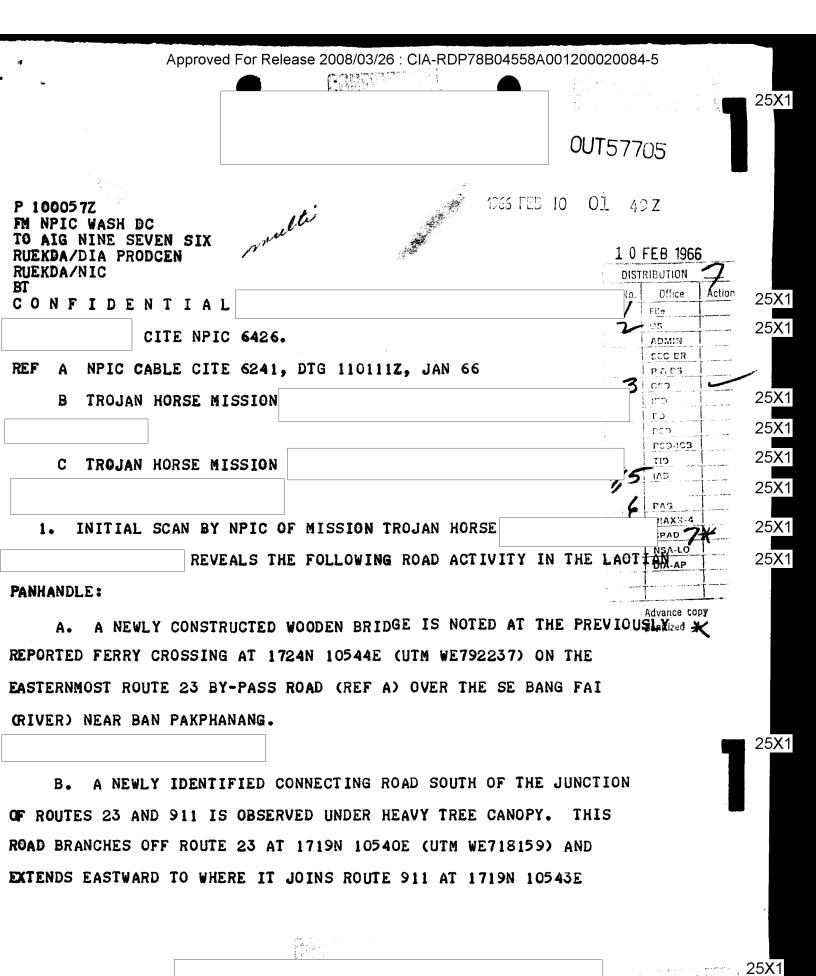
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(UTM WETES152). A PROBABLE REST AND REFUEL AREA IS OBSERVED IN A WOODED KARST VALLEY AT 1719N 10541E (UTM WE727157).

C. A NEW ROAD IN EARLY TO MID STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION IS

OBSERVED BRANCHING OFF ROUTE 911 AT THE VILLAGE OF BAN LOUM POUM

AT 1703N 10557E (UTM WD020853). THIS ROAD EXTENDS GENERALLY IN A

NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION PASSING JUST EAST OF THE VILLAGE OF BAN

HOUAYPA AT 1705N 10602E (UTM XD101897); CONTINUES NORTHEAST THROUGH

BAN KA TOK, 1706N 10603E (UTM XD117922); TO BAN PA TAN, 1708N

10603E (UTM XD132946); NORTH THROUGH A KARST AREA TO 1710N 10603E

(UTM XD132982); NORTHEAST TO 1710N 10605E (UTM XD152995); AND NORTH

TO WHERE IT TERMINATES AT 1711N 10605E (UTM XE152010) APPROXIMATELY

8 NM FROM THE NORTH VIETNAM BORDER. NO OTHER CONSTRUCTION WAS

NOTED ON THE LAOTIAN SIDE OF THE BORDER AREA. EXTENSIVE CLOUD

COVER PRECLUDED FURTHER STUDY OF THE NORTH VIETNAM SIDE OF THE BORDER.

2. REVIEW OF PHOTOGRAPHY (REF B) REVEALS
A GOOD TRAIL ALONG THE AFOREMENTIONED ROAD ALIGNMENT TO BAN KA TOK
AT 1706N 10603E (UTM XD117922). (REF C) CLEARING
OPERATION FOR THE ROAD HAD JUST BEGUN ON THIS TRAIL.
MAP REF: UTM COORDINATES FROM AMS SERIES L7012 SHEETS: 6162II
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